1	2	3
7.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project—Nepura in Nalanda Distt.	20.00
	Total	1958.43
	2005-06	
1.	Development of Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda under the scheme of Tourist Circuit	768.12
2.	Harihar Kshetra (Sonepur) Fair, 2005	0.99
3.	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route Circuit from Sultanganj to Deoghar in Bihar	443.12
	Total	1212.23
	2006-07	
1.	Development of Tourist Circuit-Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda under Major Project Scheme	1922.42
2.	CFA for the project— Information Technology in the State Tourism Development of Bihar	14.87
	Total	1937.29

Gourmet Tourism in India

1610. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formed some policies to propagate and popularize "Gourmet Tourism" in India;

(b) what steps have been taken to popularize South Indian Cuisine in different parts of the world; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism promotes and popularizes Indian cuisine including South Indian cuisine through India Evenings and Food Festivals organized by India tourism Offices in the country and abroad from time to time. Indian cuisine is also promoted at various international fairs and through publicity material such as brochures, Compact Discs etc.

Destination Development Project in MP

†1611. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many projects of Madhya Pradesh under the 'Destination Development' are pending with her Ministry;

(b) if so, the names of these projects alongwith the latest positions thereof; and

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed to complete these pending projects?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Government/Union TerritoryAdministrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial

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assistance to the State Govemmehts/Union TerritoryAdministrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Projects proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are examined on the basis of scheme guidelines and inter-se-priority and funds released subject to a availability under the respective heads.

A list of projects sanctioned to the State of Madhya Pradesh in the current financial year is given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Destination Development of Salkanpur	426.55
2.	Madhya Pradesh Tourism Day	10.00
3.	Destination Development of Shivpuri	297.08
4.	Destination Development of Sanchi	463.50
5.	Destination Development of Orchha	107.50
6.	Destination Development of Tamia	335.68
7.	Gwalior Festival, October, 2007	10.00
8.	Ujjain Destination Development	473.33
f.	Destination Development of Tourist Circuit- Chitrakoot-Dev-Talab Deorkothar	782.13
10.	Rural Tourism at Village Devpur, District Vidisha	40.34
	TOTAL	2946.11

Developing places of worship as tourist places

† 1612. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places of worship in States as on date which have been developed as tourist places during the last two years;

(b) the amount allocated during the last two years in this regard. State-wise; and

(c) the names of the places of worship in the States as on date which are proposed to be developed as tourist places during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism in the States including places of worship is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, during the last two years (2005-06,2006-07) the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 915.92 crore for 531 projects for development and promotion of tourism at tourist destinations including pilgrim sites.

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